

LEVY OF GRAZING TAX ON ANIMALS

428. SRI B. GANGANNA (Kallambella).—

Will the Minister of State for Forests be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government has levied grazing tax on animals, if so, the date of levy and the rates :

(b) whether Government has any proposal to withdraw the tax proposed long back in view of the fact that since then many taxes have been levied on raiyats ?

SRI ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Minister of State for Forests).—

(a) The Mysore Forest Rules, 1969, have come into force from 1st June 1969. As per Rule 60 Grazing in District forests except in closed areas, shall be free. But grazing in Reserved Forests or protected forests is allowed only on the basis of permit issued by the Forest Officer, for each official year commencing from 1st of April in Form No. 5.

The fees for issue of permits shall be as shown below :

<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Local Rate</i>	<i>Foreign Rate</i>
Elephant	Rs. 3 per head per day.	Rs. 5 per head per day.
Camel	Re. 1 per head per day.	Rs. 1-50 per head per day.
Buffaloe	Rs. 2 per head per annum.	Rs. 5 per head per annum.
Horse, Mare, Gelding, Pony, Colt, Filly, Mule, Ass, Bull, Bullock, Cow, Calf or Heifer.	Rs. 1 do	Rs. 3 do
Pig, Ram, Ewe, Sheep, or Lamp.	Re. 0-75 do	Rs. 2 do

(b) No.